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SUBJECT: CANADIAN- UGANDAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY: OLIVIER, CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER RESIDENT NAIROBI, CALLED MAY 31 IN COURSE BRIEF VISIT TO UGANDA WHICH PRIMARILY FOR PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING, IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TAKEOVER OF BRITISH FIRMS WILL AFFECT CANADIAN BUSINESS INTERESTS HERE. END SUMMARY.

1. OLIVIER BELIEVES GENERAL AMIN IS VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING CANADIAN AID TECHNICIANS TO RETURN TO UGANDA. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO HIM POLITICALLY, ACCORDING OLIVIER'S THEORIZING, FOR CANADA IS NOT " IMPERIALIST" POWER SUCH AS UK OR US, SO THERE IS NO RATIONALE FOR THE CANADIAN PULL- OUT THAT AMIN CAN USE TO EXPLAIN IT AWAY. OLIVIER HAS NO INTENTION OF ORDERING A RETURN. AS OF TODAY HE HAS ONLY THREE AIR CONTROLLERS AT ENTEBBE IN COUNTRY, AND THEY ARE HERE ON AN EAC PROJECT. OLIVIER MOVED A BATCH OF CANADIAN EAC TECHNICIANS TO KENYA USING " TECHNICAL" EXCUSE THAT THEY COULD DO THEIR WORK
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BETTER THERE. UGANDAN EAC MINISTER RWETSIBA RECENTLY ASKED OLIVIER TO RETURN THIS GROUP (THEY ARE WITH EAP& T) TO UGANDA, ASSURED OLIVIER SECURITY WAS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT IN COUNTRY, AMIN PERSONALLY GUARANTEED SAFETY OF TECHNICIANS, AND THEY WOULD EVEN BE PROVIDED ARMED GUARDS BY GOU IF THEY WISHED. OLIVIER RESPONDED WITH STORY ABOUT KENYAN COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST AT CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION IN NAIROBI WHO IN COURSE RECENT VISIT TO UGANDA WAS SHOT BY SOLDIERS WHO STOLE HIS CAR AT GUN- POINT. RWETSIBA EXPRESSED SHOCK AT THIS TALE, BUT SAID IT SHOULD NOT CAUSE CANADIANS ANY FEARS SINCE THE KENYAN WHO HAD BEEN SHOT WAS " BLACK."

2. OLIVIER NOTED THAT RWETSIBA WAS OBVIOUSLY ACTING UNDER AMIN' S ORDERS IN GIVING THESE ASSURANCES REGARDING SECURITY, FOR RWETSIBA IS SO FRIGHTENED OF BEING RUBBED OUT HIMSELF THAT HE DOES NOT WANT TO RETURN TO UGANDA. (KAMPALA A-171 REPORTED AMIN HAD TOLD RWETSIBA HE WAS TO BE MEMBER OF REORGANIZED CABINET WHEN IT IS FORMED.) RWETSIBA RECENTLY ASKED UNDP RES REP IN KENYA, STEADMAN, TO FIND HIM A JOB WITH AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SO THAT HE WOULDN' T HAVE TO RETURN TO UGANDA.

3. BATA SHOE COMPANY HAS BEEN PRESSURING OLIVIER TO INTERVENE WITH GOU ON ITS BEHALF TO ATTEMPT TO REVERSE GOU DECISION TO NATIONALIZE FIRM (KAMPALA A-103). BATA EVIDENTLY HOPES A COMPROMISE RESULTING IN 60-40 JOINT OWNERSHIP WITH GOU CAN BE ARRANGED. OLIVIER SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT FOLLOWS POLICY OF NOT INTERVENING IN SUCH MATTERS UNTIL COMPANY CONCERNED HAS EXHAUSTED ALL POSSIBLE REMEDIES ON ITS OWN. COMPANY OFFICERS TELL HIM THAT AMIN MAY WANT TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT BATA TAKEOVER. OLIVIER IS AVOIDING A MEETING AS LONG AS HE CAN, BECAUSE HE FEARS AMIN WILL OFFER HIM A DEAL: E. E., GENERAL WILL CANCEL BATA NATIONALIZATION IF OLIVIER WILL RETURN CANADIAN AID TECHNICIANS TO UGANDA. OLIVIER SAID HE HAS NO INTENTION OF STRIKING ANY SUCH BARGAIN, WHICH SMACKS OF BLACKMAIL, EVEN THOUGH GOC IS UNDER PRESSURE FROM THOMAS BATA, HEAD OF PARENT FIRM, WHO IS CLOSE TO CANADIAN FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. OLIVIER PLANS VISIT KILEMBE MINES, OF WHICH CANADIANS HOLD MAJORITY EQUITY, TO SEE HOW THEY ARE GETTING ALONG. HE HAS HEARD THAT THE SOME 75 EXPATRIATES WORKING THERE ARE QUITE HAPPY, HAVE NO SECURITY CONCERNS, HAVE NOT BEEN BOTHERED BY GOU. OLIVIER DOUBTS GOU WOULD MOVE AGAINST COPPER MINE BECAUSE IT PROVIDE
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